



1125 O Street, SE (1.)



Embassy of the Slovak Republic



## Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Transfer of jurisdiction for the Anacostia Park - Reservation 343D, 1125 O Street, SE. (8348)
2. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Zoning Map Amendment for Property Located at Square 442, north of Rhode Island Avenue, NW and east of Gluck Court. (ZC 21-15)

During the past month, NCPC staff determined that the following projects are exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for a memorial at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic, 3523 International Court, NW. (8349)
2. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for a Consolidated PUD and a Related Map Amendment located at Union Market, 1348 4th Street, NE. (ZC 19-29)

### Planning Updates

#### Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

On February 16, 2022, the Commission received an Information Presentation on a proposed new vision for Pennsylvania Avenue and three concepts on how achieve the vision. Staff will ask the Commission at its March 3 meeting to release the vision and concepts for a 120-day comment period that will begin in March. The Information Presentation is posted on NCPC's website. Additional materials will be posted on the website in March. An information presentation is scheduled to be heard by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts on March 17.

#### Monumental Core Streetscape Guide and Manual

The Interagency Working Group met in February to advance the Construction Manual update. Staff presented the Draft Streetscape Design Guidelines for Vertical and Surface Elements to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts at its February meeting. The [guidelines are open](#) for a 90-day public comment period until May 11. Staff will host two virtual public meetings on the guidelines on March 23 at 12:30 pm and March 30 at 6:00 pm.

#### Beyond Granite Temporary Commemoration Pilot

Staff continues to work with the Beyond Granite partners and are currently developing products to support the key topic workshops which will facilitate discussion with Steering Committee members on the topics of site identification, community engagement, themes and strategies, and evaluation. These internal workshops are scheduled for mid-to-late March. An interview Urban Planner **Johanna McCrehan** conducted with social practice artist **Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg** about the power of temporary commemoration, and In America: Remember., her recent installation on the National Mall that honored those lost to COVID-19, is available for viewing on [NCPC's website](#).



## Regional Plans and Projects

Staff reviewed and provided comments on the Preliminary Adelphi Road-UMGC-UMD Purple Line Station Area Sector Plan and the Draft Pentagon City Sector Plan. NCPC supports the Preliminary Adelphi Road-UMGC-UMD Purple Line Station Area Sector Plan themes (Work, Live, and Sustain) and the policies and strategies throughout the eight elements, especially around transit connectivity, active transportation, park and open space connectivity, and green infrastructure. These policies align well with NCPC's Comprehensive Plan policies and will positively impact adjacent federal facilities and the Capper-Cramton land (Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park) within the plan area. NCPC supports the Draft Pentagon City Sector Plan guiding planning principles, guidelines, and policies throughout the framework, especially around multimodal network, building height guidelines, biophilia and biophilic design approaches in public spaces, and green ribbon align well with our comprehensive plan policies.

## Regional Flood Risk

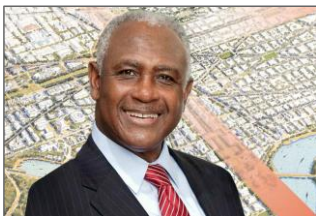
NCPC continued its participation in several flood and resiliency related efforts. Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** presented to the DC Silver Jackets ongoing work to address the recent executive order setting new flood risk management standards. She is assisting in efforts to develop a flood risk action agenda by the District Department of Energy & the Environment. NCPC staff is also involved in the Military installation Resiliency Review lead by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, which is looking at resiliency strategies for three military bases along the Anacostia River.



## Public Outreach

### Special Commission Meeting

NCPC held a Special Commission Meeting on February 16. Staff updated Commissioners on the transition to a new platform for Commission meetings and provided information about a new vision and concepts for Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and U.S. Capitol. The meeting video is [online](#).



### Blog: Celebrating Former NCPC Chairman Harvey B. Gantt

In celebration of Black History Month, NCPC is excited to honor **Harvey B. Gantt**, NCPC's first African American Chairman. Mr. Gantt is also a celebrated architect and politician, with a distinguished record of public service. Communications and Research Support Specialist **Bsrat Mezgebe** highlights some of his accomplishments. Read the blog at <https://www.ncpc.gov/news/item/167/1/>



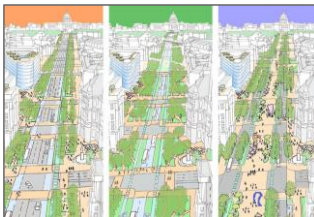
### NCPC met with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

On February 15, the Executive Director and Senior Urban Designer **Matthew Flis** met with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors during their Land Use Policy Committee meeting. They provided an overview of NCPC's role in the region, as well as ways the agency is strengthening outreach and engagement with local jurisdictions. During the presentation, the Executive Director highlighted the newly-implemented annual outreach program and the biennial transportation management program monitoring, as well as other opportunities to engage with the County's Department of Planning and Development.



## Executive Director Discusses NCPC's Work on the Federal News Network

Federal News Network's **Tom Temin** interviewed the Executive Director for the Federal Drive program, where he talked about NCPC's role reviewing federal plans and projects in the region, including the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Headquarters Building and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing currency production facility. He also discussed the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative and its efforts to revitalize the Avenue; the Beyond Granite initiative which seeks to use temporary commemoration to expand the stories told in Washington's commemorative landscape; and the agency's work examining how the pandemic will impact the federal workforce. The interview is [available online](#).



## Pennsylvania Avenue Public Outreach

The Executive Director conducted several briefings regarding the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative. Commissioner **Peter May**, Interim DC Office of Planning Director **Anita Cozart**, and Physical Planning Division Director **Beth Miller** also participated in the meeting with Congresswoman **Eleanor Holmes Norton** (D-DC); Anita Cozart and Beth Miller participated in a meeting with DC Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development **John Falcicchio**. The Executive Director also briefed GSA Public Building Commissioner **Nina Albert**. He and Beth Miller were interviewed via video by WTTG Fox 5. He, Beth Miller, and Urban Planner **Karin Schierhold** were interviewed for an upcoming story in the Washington Post. A number of news articles in the Verve Times, Washington Business Journal, DCist, and Bisnow covered the release of the draft vision and concepts at the February 16 Special Session.